Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Russell J. Thompson's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Thompson has devoted over 26 years of his life to the service of this state and country as an engineer, communications sergeant, and chemical operations non commissioned officer, including service in Iraq and Afghanistan; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Thompson continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Russell J. Thompson for over 26 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2013, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RUSSELL J. THOMPSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State